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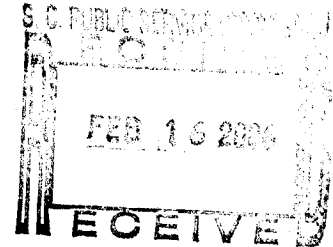
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VIA U.S. MAIL

Mr. Charles L.A. Terreni
Chief Clerk/Administrator
South Carolina Public Service Commission
101 Executive Center Dr., Suite 100
Columbia, SC 29210



Re: Joint Application of Timothy P. Oliver and James C. Thigpen for Expedited Approval of a Transfer of Assets and Authority of Goat Island Water and Sewer Company in Clarendon County
Docket No. 2006-50-W/S

Dear Mr. Terreni:

On February 1, 2006, Timothy P. Oliver and James C. Thigpen ("Petitioners") filed a joint application for an expedited approval of a transfer of assets of the Goat Island Water and Sewer Company from Mr. Thigpen to Mr. Oliver. The Petitioners subsequently filed a Motion to Exclude Confidential Information with the Commission on or about February 9, 2006.

The ORS Staff has reviewed the Application and has no objection to the Petitioner's request. Mr. Oliver, and before him his father Mr. H. F. Oliver, have owned and operated the E & R Partnership Water Company and Wyboo Water Department for over 28 years. Both Goat Island and the other companies currently operated by Mr. Oliver are in compliance with the pertinent Commission rules and regulations and are in good standing with the South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control. Based on these facts, and based on its review of the contract and services to be provided, the Office of Regulatory Staff has no objection to the Petitioners' request for the transfer of assets and authority requested in the Petition. Further, the ORS does not object to the Motion that confidential information contained in the Application be treated as confidential.

Please let me know if you have any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely,


Jeffrey M. Nelson

cc: Scott L. Robinson (Via US Mail)